Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 09 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 10 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 09 Jan 2021 at 02:34 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a few days of less cold but windy, cloudy conditions with some rain and snow. Increasing confidence for a return to dry, bright, cold weather on Tuesday with light winds.

Headline for Saturday 09 Jan 2021: Cloudy with light sleet and snow developing. Bitterly cold, windy on tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 09 Jan 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Heavy snow	Sleet	Sleet	Heavy Rain	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
60%	80%	60%	70%	60%	10%

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Weather: A cloudy day with a mostly dry start. Light snow soon reaching Mull and Lochaber will extend to all areas during the morning. Snow will become confined to higher tops for a time during afternoon with rain or sleet lower down. Colder air returns in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% at first with most of the clouds above the tops. Cloud bases steadily lowering during the morning to about 600 to 700m with only a small chance of cloud-free tops in the afternoon.

Visibility: Good in the east of area during the morning but turning misty from the west. Visibility will reduce to less than a kilometre as sleet and snow edges in.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	27/32 S	39/48 S	33/43 SW	34/43 SW	32/39 W	27/33 NW	27/33 W
900	19/25 SW	27/37 SW	25/35 SW	24/34 SW	19/27 W	16/21 NW	13/18 W
600	28/33 S	37/46 SW	31/40 SW	28/37 SW	18/25 SW	12/17 W	11/16 SW
300	11/18 S	19/28 SW	16/27 SW	13/21 SW	9/15 W	8/12 NW	7/10 SW
Glen	11/22 SW	14/28 SW	13/26 SW	13/27 SW	7/18 W	3/9 NW	4/8 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-6/-16	-4/-15	-3/-12	-2/-10	-2/-10	-5/-13	-6/-14
900	-4/-12	-3/-11	-1/-9	-0/-7	0/-6	-2/-8	-3/-9
600	-2/-10	-0/-9	1/-6	2/-4	2/-4	0/-5	-0/-5
300	-1/-6	1/-5	3/-2	4/-0	4/0	2/-1	2/-2
Glen	0/-4	3/-2	4/0	6/2	6/3	4/3	3/2
Freezing Level*	100m	500m	800m	1000m	1000m	600m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Combination of strong winds and sub-zero temperatures will make it feel bitterly cold on higher ridges and summits.

Forecast for Sunday 10 Jan 2021
Weather: It will be a cloudy day with outbreaks of rain, snow confined to highest tops. The rain will be most persistent and heavy at times over Glencoe and Lochaber and accompanied by extensive hill fog. Continuing to feel bitterly cold on higher ridges and summits due to strong winds, wet conditions and temperatures close to freezing.

Maximum wind: Westerly winds with average speeds increasing to 35mph and gusts 55mph in the afternoon over higher tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%, mostly towards the Trossachs. Extensive cloud cover about 600 to 700m.

Visibility: Generally misty with poor visibility in association with more persistent rain. Pockets of good visibility, mostly in east of area.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius rising to 5 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: Rising above the tops during the morning.

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